SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5237** TRICKY **B5237**

	2	7				1		
	5						6	
6		1	8			5		
4				1	6	9		
1	6		5		2			8
								1
	1						4	
			6	8				7
	8	9	1			3	5	

						3	7	
9			5			8		
8		7				4		1
1		2		9				
	5							4
			8		4			
				6			8	2
	7		2	8			4	
		6			7			

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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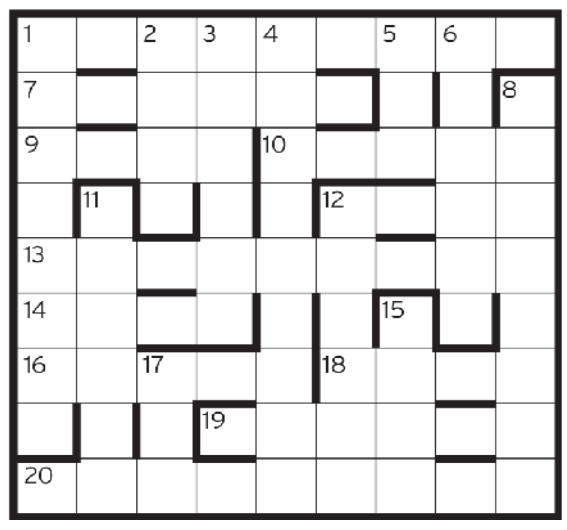
CROSSWORD



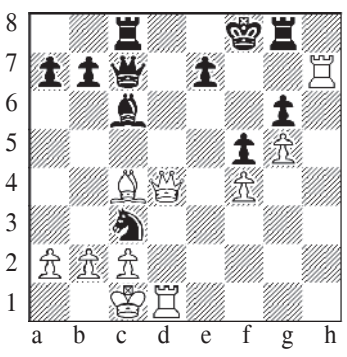
ACROSS

1 Substitute (9)
7 Not harmed (6)
9 Chilled (4)
10 Recess in a wall (5)
12 Flowering plant (4)
13 French cheese (9)
14 Declare (4)
16 Warning device (5)
18 Irritate (4)
19 Walking poles (6)
20 Ground-dwelling birds (9)

DOWN

1 Luggage item (8)
2 South American bird similar to an ostrich (4)
3 Device for steering a boat (6)
4 Stern moan (anag.) (9)
5 Curve (3)
6 Casual garment (1-5)
8 Fidgety (8)
11 Extravagant (6)
12 European peninsula (6)
15 Potter's oven (4)
17 Small deer (3)

CHESS



WHITE TO PLAY

HINT: SACRIFICE AND MATE.

Solution:
1. Qg7ch! Rxg7 2. Rh8ch Rg8 3. Rxg8 mate! [Drasher-Polka, 1999].

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 17;

Very good 26;

Excellent 34 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

EDIBILITY

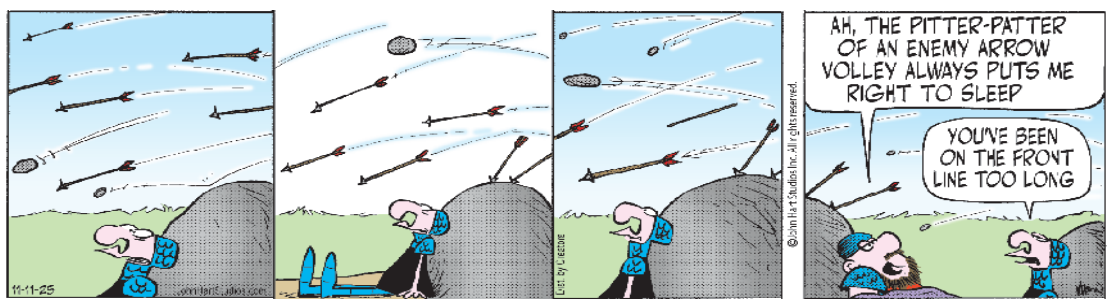
bide bidet bled debility debit debt deity deli diet EDIBILITY edit idle idly lied tide tidily tidy tied tilde tiled yield

THE METRO FUNNIES

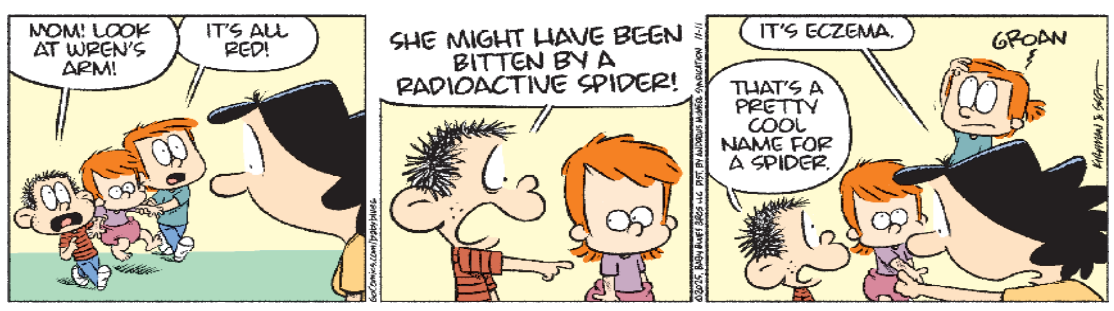
BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

HI, GUYS!
HEY, HEY! FRANCIS AND GINA! GINA AND FRANCIS!
WHAT A SPECIAL NIGHT, AM I RIGHT? IT FEELS LIKE A SPECIAL NIGHT, DON'T YOU THINK?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? WE JUST GOT HERE!
HEY, LET'S GO TALK TO THE D.J.! LET'S MAKE A REQUEST!
YOU CAN ASK HIM TO PLAY SOMETHING BY KISS!
SUBTLE.
WINK-WINK
Visit: bignate.com

THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES


MOM! LOOK AT WREN'S ARM!
IT'S ALL RED!
SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER!
IT'S ECZEMA.
GROAN
THAT'S A PRETTY COOL NAME FOR A SPIDER.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:41pm	05:10pm	05:47pm	05:08pm	05:15pm	05:43pm
Sunrise	06:40am	06:33am	06:45am	06:25am	06:40am	06:50am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	13	28	Sunny	60	12	28	Sunny	12	28	Sunny
Hyderabad	15	31	Sunny	51	15	32	Sunny	14	32	Sunny
Islamabad	10	25	Sunny	55	10	25	Sunny	10	25	Sunny
Lahore	12	27	Sunny	62	12	27	Sunny	12	27	Sunny
Multan	13	28	Sunny	56	13	29	Sunny	13	29	Sunny
Peshawar	10	26	Sunny	52	10	26	Sunny	9	25	Sunny
Quetta	2	18	Sunny	37	2	17	Sunny	3	18	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD ANALYZED

(ANALYZED: AN-uh-lyz'd: Examined in detail to understand.)

Average mark 16 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 23 or more words in ANALYZED?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — CARAPACE

cape pace
caper pacer
care pare
carp pear
crape
acre
apace
aper
area
race
reap
recap
paca

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

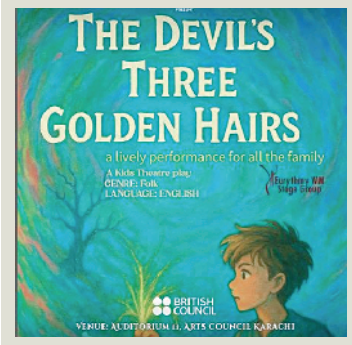
Directive
Edward
Freckle
Reef
Cur
Educate
Ant
Verb
Stunned
Edited
Dragonfly.

DOWN

Decreased
Idle
Earful
Crescendo
Ink
Value
Everybody
Cave in
Enter
Reel
Una.

METRO EVENTS

PLAY


THE DEVIL'S THREE GOLDEN HAIRS
a lively performance for all the family
A Kids Theatre play
GENRE: Folk
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
Rhythm 'n' Mime Stage Group
BRITISH COUNCIL
VENUE: AUDITORIUM II, ARTS COUNCIL KARACHI

The Devil's Three Golden Hairs, a kids' theatre play, is staged as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium II, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 11am.

EXPO

'Digital Alliance Karachi '25', an expo by French artists Isabelle Arvers and Mikhail Margolis, is organised at Alliance Fran aise de Karachi, from 11am to 8pm. Entry free.

IQBAL DAY

An event to honour the legacy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal is held at Lecture Hall 5, Dow International Medical College, at 1:30pm.

EXHIBITION

Tints of Emotion, an exhibition of artworks, is organised at Studio Seven Art Gallery, Clifton. It will continue till Nov 20.

FILM

Screening of films focusing on Eastern Europe is organised as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 4pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** Today the Moon is in your fellow Fire sign, which is supportive to you. This will encourage social interactions with others, a greater interest in sports and the enjoyment of playful activities with kids. Meanwhile, romance is blessed! Avoid disputes with others about shared costs or shared property. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

*** The best way to deal with this day is to "go along to get along." Don't push your luck. Be easygoing, especially with female family members, if disputes about shared property or the cost of something might arise. Fortunately, your people skills are strong. Tonight: Cocoon.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** You can be productive at work today because you have the gift of gab. Enjoy talking to others both professionally and socially. Actually, contact with siblings, relatives and neighbors is important. A mild dispute might take place, perhaps about an ex-partner. Stay chill. Tonight: Conversations.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** Accept all invitations to socialize, because this is a playful, fun-loving day for CANCERs. Nevertheless, you have the energy and motivation to work hard despite the fact that Mercury retrograde is encouraging goofy mistakes, delays and mixed-up communications. Carry on and keep calm. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

***** Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight advantage over all the other signs. That's why this is a good day to go after what you want. Use today to ask the universe for a favor. Admittedly, you're a bit more emotional than usual. No biggie. Tonight: You win!

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** You might butt heads with someone today, or be engaged in a difference of opinion about something. Possibly this relates to old family business or old repairs connected to your home or your property. Fortunately, fair Venus is in your House of Communications making your words sweet. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Today your focus is on money, earnings and purchases. However, you might be at odds with someone, especially a female friend or a member of a group. Meanwhile, your ability to attract money to you today is excellent. You're convincing; nevertheless, be smart and double-check your information. Tonight: Friendships.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** Today the Sun and fair Venus are in your sign, which is empowering for you. Furthermore, this is an excellent day to shop for wardrobe goodies for yourself. However, relations with authority figures (including parents) could be challenging. Use your LIBRAn charm and diplomacy to keep things smooth. Tonight: You're admired.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Two contradictory influences exist for you today. Mercury and Mars will make you energetic, assertive and talkative. However, the Sun and Venus, which are hiding in your chart, will encourage you to be low-key and private. It's your choice. (Perhaps a bit of both.) Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** You're popular now, and many of you are enjoying interactions with creative, artistic people. If you can, steer clear of disputes with others about shared costs, shared property or how to use shared resources. Behind-the-scenes research will help you today. Stay curious. Tonight: Check your finances.

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AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** People admire you now because you're high-viz and you look good. Old friends are back in your world, perhaps involved in some kind of a competition. Be patient with partners, spouses and members of the general public today. Someone might challenge you. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

*** You need a change of scenery, which is why you want to get outta Dodge. Do something to shake things up a little. Travel, and if you can't travel, then be a tourist in your own city. Steer clear of controversial issues to avoid arguments, especially about politics, religion and racial issues. Keep the peace. Tonight: Get organized.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

A tale of two tricks

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 5 3
♥ J 9
♦ K 10 3
♣ K Q J 10 6

WEST
♠ J 8 4
♥ K 7 3 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 7 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 8 5 4
♦ A J 9 8
♣ A

SOUTH
♠ K 10 7
♥ A Q 6
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 9 8 5 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Dble	Redble	Pass
Pass	1 ♦	1 NT	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead -- six of diamonds.

Most contracts, particularly those where the outcome is uncertain at the start, are won or lost in the early stages of the play. This is largely because the lines of battle are usually drawn by the play to the first two or three tricks. The later plays merely reflect the early preparations.

Consider this deal where West led a diamond against three notrump, and South was immediately faced with a crucial test. Had he played the three or the ten from dummy, he would have gone down.

After the play of the three, for example, East's eight would have forced the queen and established a tenace over dummy's K-10. This would have proved fatal when West eventually gained the lead with the king of hearts and returned a diamond.

To defuse the potential threat posed by East's diamonds, South should play dummy's king at trick one! This forces East to win the trick in order to prevent declarer from later scoring a second diamond trick. More importantly, the presence of the ten in dummy then stops East from returning a diamond at trick two. East is therefore forced to shift to another suit, so let's assume he leads a heart.

Once again South must be careful. He should reject the tempting finesse because he can assure the contract by winning the heart with the ace and leading a club. East takes the club ace, but the battle is over. South already has eight tricks established and cannot be stopped from scoring his ninth trick in hearts.

Note that if declarer plays low on East's heart return at trick two, he goes down. West can win and lead a second diamond, and the contract eventually fails. The first two tricks tell the tale.

Tomorrow: The hidden power of a pass.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5236

7	9	2	5	6	8	4	1	3
1	4	6	3	7	2	5	9	8
3	8	5	9	1	4	2	7	6
2	7	3	1	8	6	9	4	5
5	6	8	4	9	7	1	3	2
9	1	4	2	3	5	6	8	7
6	2	1	7	4	3	8	5	9
4	5	7	8	2	9	3	6	1
8	3	9	6	5	1	7	2	4

Tricky — B5236

7	9	2	8	6	5	1	3	4
1	8	5	4	3	7	9	6	2
4	6	3	2	9	1	8	5	7
2	5	1	7	4	3	6	8	9
6	3	8	5	2	9	7	4	1
9	4	7	6	1	8	5	2	3
3	7	4	1	5	6	2	9	8
5	1	9	3	8	2	4	7	6
8	2	6	9	7	4	3	1	5